

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace Figure 1 with the attached Figure 1 labeled “PRIOR ART.”

Attachment: Replacement Sheet - Fig. 1

REMARKS

On page 2 of the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner indicates that Fig. 1 should be labeled as "Prior Art". Applicant submits herewith an amended Fig. 1 labeled as "Prior Art."

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on pages 2-4 of the Notice of Allowability dated December 27, 2007.

Applicant notes that independent reasons, other than those indicated by the Examiner, exist for the allowability of claims 5, 6 and 10. Further, Applicant submits that the claims are allowable because of the combination of the claimed features, and not based on the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance. Moreover, the claims should be governed by the actual claim language and not the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application."

Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated December 27, 2007.

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